

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 2

8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
8:30 AM The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations**
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel**
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
5:00 PM Youth Fall Kickoff and Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 3

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 4

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**

Wednesday, August 5

11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Christmas Preview & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Thursday, August 6

1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, August 7

11:00 AM Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

Saturday, August 8

11:00 AM Eagle Scout Ceremony, **Chapel**
6:00 PM End of Summer Pool Party, **Neptune Pool/Fun Zone**

WELCOME



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This is a Stephen Ministry Church



St. Simons
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

CENTERING

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Praise

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Jesus

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

CCLI # 2298355
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Come Share The Lord

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PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

In the Breaking of the Bread

Luke 24:13-35
Rev. David Blackwood

HOLY COMMUNION

Remembrance

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BENEDICTION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sanctuary • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

How Beautiful

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist
Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

* HYMN OF PRAISE #92

*For the Beauty
of the Earth*

DIX

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

*Come to the
Table of Grace*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

* HYMN #618

*Let Us Break
Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Changed

Chancel Choir
by Aaron Adams

MORNING MESSAGE

In the Breaking of the Bread

Luke 24:13-35
Rev. David Blackwood

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #614

*For the Bread Which
You Have Broken*

FOR THE BREAD

Verses 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Holy Communion Together

There is something deeply meaningful about sharing Holy Communion together. Before we have learned all of each another's stories, before we have figured out every routine or tradition, we come to the same table. At Christ's table, we are reminded that what unites us is not our history, our preferences, or our backgrounds—it is the grace of Jesus Christ.

Communion is God's invitation to receive again the gift of His love. It is a place where we remember Christ's sacrifice, experience His presence, and are strengthened for the work He has called us to do together. As United Methodists, we celebrate an open table because Christ's invitation is extended to all who seek Him. That means that everyone will be able to participate as they desire.

As we share the bread and the cup this Sunday, my prayer is that God will do more than nourish our individual faith. I pray He will begin weaving our hearts together as one church family, united in Christ and committed to His mission. May this first Communion be the beginning of many sacred moments we will share in the years ahead.

I look forward to worshiping with you and meeting you at the Lord's Table, where we are all welcomed by the One who has already gone before us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

July 26, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$19,747.46

Received YTD | \$716,897.14

Expenses YTD | \$728,803.90

Difference YTD | -\$11,906.76

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$762,245.46

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$25,945.00

thank you

Attendance

July 26, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **79**

Worship Views Online: **482**

9:45AM Worship Service: **66**

Sunday School/Small Group: **118**

11:00AM Worship Service: **208**

Total In Person Worship: **366**

Members in Ministry~ August 2, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Travis Irby, Pat Carmichael

11:00 Kevin Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Helen Baker

9:45 Judy & JR Wright

11:00 Carla Brandon, Robbie Clark

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Communion Servers:

8:30 Nancy & Gary Krabill

Benjy Varnell

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

Marsha Hendrix

11:00 John Bird Daniel,

Mary & Benjy Varnell

Communion Prayers:

Sharon Blount, Thornton

Willingham

Judy Merrick, Stan Robinson

Edie Payne, Judy Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Adelaide Beall, Ray Colglazier, Robert May, Haley Southall

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Jane Bangert, Chuck Belcher, **Greg Belcher**, Barton Bowers, Melissa Brumbelow, Laura Chastain, Watt Gregory, **Jill Lundgren**, Family & friends of **Mary Gert McNally**, **Kathy Morgan**, Family of **Dave Orlando**, Audrey Pipe, Phyllis Poteete, **Virginia Ramsey**, Janis Rodriguez, Ava Spillers

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Dianne Beisel, Jim Bennett III, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Butch Frye, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Betty Tomlin, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Missionaries & Christians in Middle East and abroad

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

Marsh's Edge: Linda May, Ann Pickard, Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

Vitality: Judy Clifton

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern.

Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



CHRISTMAS
Choir Kickoff
DINNER & CANTATA PREVIEW

Let's come together to celebrate the season,
preview our cantata, and kick off
a joyful Christmas journey!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

DINNER 5:30 PM | SINGING BEGINS 6:15 PM | THORPE BUILDING

REGISTER FOR ATTENDANCE

Your voice makes Christmas come alive!

THIS IS FOR SINGERS ONLY!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your backpack on Sunday, August 9 to our morning worship services at 9:45 & 11:00 as we pray for our students & teachers returning to school this year!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9

9:45 & 11:00

End of Summer POOL Party!

Join us for a Church Wide Pool Party at Neptune pool to celebrate the end of summer! **Saturday, August 8 from 6:00-8:00PM.** Drinks and Pizza will be provided! Bring your family, neighbors and friends!!



End of Summer Church Wide Family Pool Party!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
6-8 AT NEPTUNE POOL



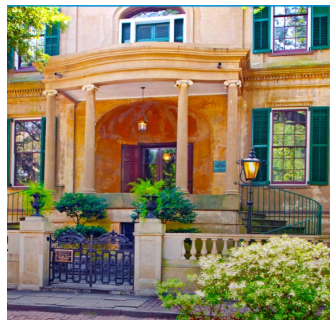
August Administrative Meetings

Save the Date

- ♦ **Trustee Meeting**, Monday, August 10, 5:30 PM, Room 203
- ♦ **Finance Meeting**, Tuesday, August 18, 5:30 PM, Room 203
- ♦ **Church Council Meeting**, Monday, August 24, 5:30 PM, Thorpe

Telfair Museum Trip

The Telfair Museums are comprised of several distinct divisions, two of which we will tour with museum docents. Our visit includes the Telfair Academy—the oldest art museum in the South, housed in a historic mansion—and the Jepson Center, which showcases thought-provoking contemporary artists from around the world.



Register to join us on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, the cost is \$25/person.** Space is limited! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.



We Are Hiring!

Join our team as a Property Maintenance and Event Setup Assistant. This is a part-time/hourly position with flexible hours. We are looking for someone with a flexible schedule to help care for our church facilities, handle small repairs, and assist with setting up for events and special activities. If you are interested in this flexible position, please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com.

YOUTH KICK-OFF

AUG. 2ND

WHERE AND WHEN?

**5:00-6:30
IN THE
THORPE BUILDING**

WHO SHOULD COME?

**MIDDLE SCHOOLERS,
HIGH SCHOOLERS,
AND PARENTS**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- **SUPPER**
- **HEAR FROM BILL ABOUT THIS YEAR'S VISION AND PLANS**
- **SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE MINISTRY**

PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO COOK FOR.
YOUNGER SIBLINGS ALSO WELCOME.

Sparrows Nest-Collection

Thank you for those who bring food for Sparrows Nest for our first Sunday collection. Our most needed items right now are: Canned protein (chicken, tuna, vienna sausage), Soup & Chili, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice (Plain or Flavored), Potatoes (canned or mashed), Kid's canned pasta (ravioli, spaghettios, etc), Ramen Noodles, Oatmeal & Grit Packets, Baked Beans or Pork N Beans, Kid Snacks, Toilet Paper, Bath Soap, Cat Food, Feminine products
WE NEED BAGS... Please continue to save and bring your plastic and paper bags for our repurposing.



Thank you also to the volunteers who deliver the food and help at Sparrows Nest.

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination
If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. David Blackwood at david@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**